

## ABOUT LEIGHTON BUZZARD

### Some of the reasons that make Leighton Buzzard *A Special Place to Visit*

Medieval in origin, the historic market town of Leighton Buzzard has something for everyone. Feel free to explore its alleyways, mews and high street where an eclectic mix of historic buildings and monuments can be found.

Enjoy the wide range of cafés, restaurants and pubs as well as independent retail and high street outlets offering a rich and diverse retail experience for the whole family.

For the young at heart, the town offers the renowned Narrow Gauge Railway, Splash and Play Park, Beach, river and canal walks together with stunning scenery.

**Leighton Buzzard Library Theatre:-** Situated in Lake Street, the 170 seat venue offers theatre as well as cinema opportunity. Leaflets and town guides can also be found there together with details of the town's very own Children's Trail.

The literary works of town resident Mary Norton inspired the creation of the Children's Trail. A trail of 22 artworks celebrates storytelling for little people with big imaginations by testing their powers of observation as they weave their way through the town centre. The free activity can be completed in about an hour with a map and booklet available from the library.

*This really is a special place to visit*

## AROUND LEIGHTON BUZZARD



Leighton Buzzard lies between the Chiltern Hills and the woodland & heaths of the Greensand Ridge with many walking and cycling trails and is conveniently located for other attractions in the surrounding area:-

Tiddenfoot Waterside Park  
ZSL Whipsnade Zoo  
Mead Open Farm  
Rushmere & Stockgrove Country Parks  
Woburn Abbey  
Woburn Safari Park  
Gullivers Land, Milton Keynes  
Bletchley Park "Home of the Codebreakers"  
CenterParcs, Woburn  
Ascott House

*It is advisable to check current opening times and information on the venues relevant websites.*

There are a selection of local hotels and B&B's where you can stay and explore our town, surrounding countryside and other attractions in the area.

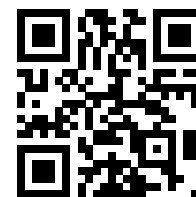
## GETTING TO LEIGHTON BUZZARD

**By Road:** Leighton Buzzard is within a 15 minute drive from Milton Keynes, 30 minutes from Aylesbury, Luton and Northampton and 80 minutes to Birmingham. Plus only 30 minutes to London Luton airport and around 60 minutes travelling time to London Heathrow and 90 minutes to London Stansted Airport.

**By Train:** Leighton Buzzard is one of the very few towns in England with a main line railway station within an easy walk of the town centre. The town is just a 40 minute journey from London Euston, 10 minutes from Milton Keynes and 20 minutes from Northampton. The station has step free access to all platforms.

**By Water:** The Grand Union Canal runs through Leighton Buzzard. South to London and North to Birmingham.

In 2008 the town was afforded the status of a Cycling Town, one of a number of bike-friendly towns and cities in England.



Scan the QR code  
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[www.leightonlinslade-tc.gov.uk](http://www.leightonlinslade-tc.gov.uk)

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Downloads of maps, shopping directories, What's On guide, open spaces and other leaflets are available on the Town Council website.

# Visit historic Leighton Buzzard

Browse, shop, eat, relax and play



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### Market Cross area

This historical market town, now a Fairtrade town, has had a flourishing street market since 1086 AD; now running on Tuesday and Saturday with a monthly Farmers' market and specialist markets.



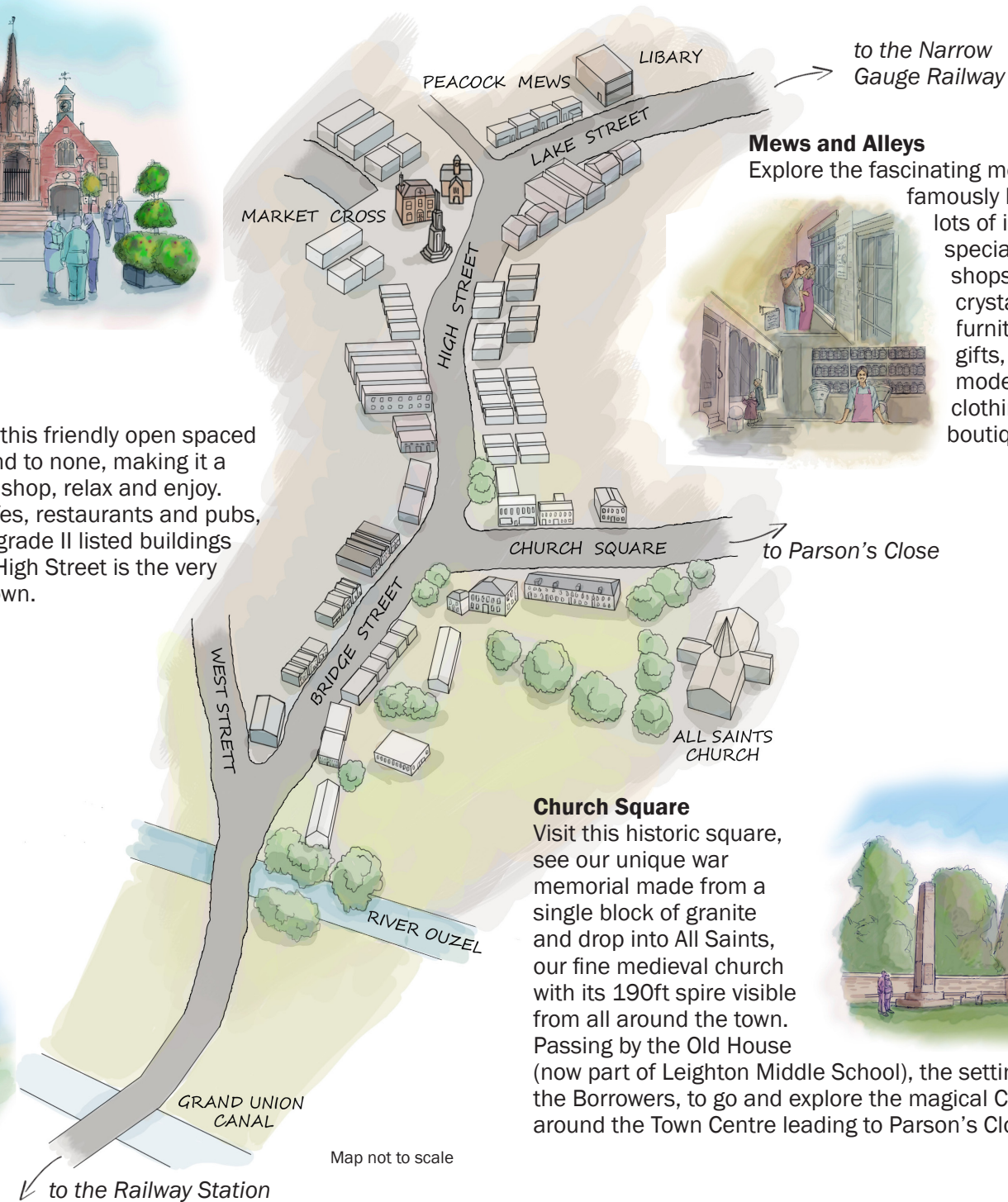
### Grand Union Canal

The UK's longest canal was opened in 1800 for the transport of goods. If you are walking, cycling or mooring your narrow boat along the canal, the High Street is only a few minutes walk from the tow path which also connects to water meadows and woods. Traditional pubs and restaurants can be found along the canal.



### High Street

The vibe from this friendly open spaced street is second to none, making it a great place to shop, relax and enjoy. With many cafes, restaurants and pubs, among its 87 grade II listed buildings the medieval High Street is the very heart of the town.



### Mews and Alleys

Explore the fascinating mews and alleyways, famously known for having lots of independent specialist affordable shops, including crafts, crystal, fabrics, knitting, furniture, cycling, bridal, gifts, coffee roasting, model railways, vintage clothing, fashion boutiques, etc.



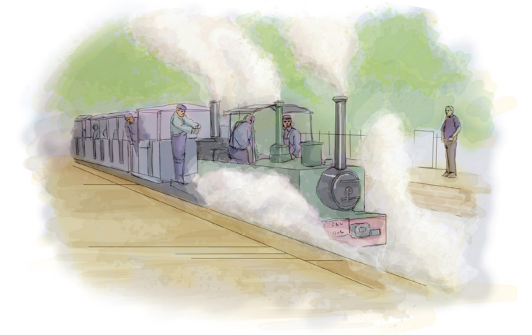
### Church Square

Visit this historic square, see our unique war memorial made from a single block of granite and drop into All Saints, our fine medieval church with its 190ft spire visible from all around the town. Passing by the Old House (now part of Leighton Middle School), the setting for the novel the Borrowers, to go and explore the magical Children's Trail around the Town Centre leading to Parson's Close.



### Leighton Buzzard Narrow Gauge Railway

A heritage sand railway with an unbroken history of nearly 100 years was built to carry sand from the quarries to the canal and mainline railway. Now managed by volunteers, you can enjoy a ride on one of England's finest narrow-gauge railways.



### Parson's Close Recreation Ground

This leafy town centre park offers a variety of leisure activities for all ages. During the summer months the state of the art free Splash & Play Water Park is open, along with concerts held on the lovely bandstand. This green space with bee friendly wildflowers alongside the brook is perfectly located just off the High Street.